

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

The following lists all claims and their status:

1. (Currently amended) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

an elevation increasing system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride, or a point subsequent to such exit point, to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, or a point preceding such entry point, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels; and

a second elevation increasing system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from the exit point of the second or any subsequent water amusement ride, or a point subsequent to such exit point, to the entry point of the first water amusement ride, or a point preceding such entry point.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the first water ride and/or the second water ride comprises at least one water releasing mechanism configured to inject water onto a surface of the water ride such that a body of flowing water is produced on the surface of the water ride.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the elevation increasing system and/or the second elevation increasing system comprises a spiral transport device.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein an exit point of the second water amusement ride and an entry point of the first water amusement ride are coupled.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a third water amusement ride, wherein an exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride, and wherein an entry point of the third or any subsequent ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the exit point of the third or any subsequent ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride with a body of water, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride with a body of water.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a floating queue line coupled to an entry point of at least one of the water amusement rides.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the floating queue line comprises a queue line channel wherein the queue line channel is configured to hold water at a depth sufficient to allow a flexible inflated vehicle to float within the queue line channel during use, and wherein the floating queue line is coupled to the water ride such that a flexible inflated vehicle remains in the water while being transferred from the channel along the floating queue line to the water ride.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the elevation increasing system and/or the second elevation increasing system comprises a water slide, and wherein at least a portion of the water slide is uphill.

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the elevation increasing system or the second elevation increasing system comprises an uphill water slide.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the elevation increasing system or the second elevation increasing system comprises a conveyor belt system.

16. (Currently amended) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

an elevation increasing system configured to convey a flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels;

wherein the exit point of the second water amusement ride and the entry point of the first water amusement ride are coupled; and

a third water amusement ride, wherein an exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the first water ride, the second water ride, and/or the third water ride comprises at least one water releasing mechanism configured to inject water onto a surface of the water ride such that a body of flowing water is produced on the surface of the water ride.
18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the elevation increasing system comprises a spiral transport device.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, further comprising a second elevation increasing system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from the exit point of the second water amusement ride to the entry point of the first water amusement ride.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride with a body of water, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride with a body of water.
23. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising a floating queue line coupled to an entry point of at least one of the water amusement rides.
24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the floating queue line comprises a queue line channel wherein the queue line channel is configured to hold water at a depth sufficient to allow a flexible inflated vehicle to float within the queue line channel during use, and wherein the

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floating queue line is coupled to the water ride such that a flexible inflated vehicle remains in the water while being transferred from the channel along the floating queue line to the water ride.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the elevation increasing system comprises a water slide, and wherein at least a portion of the water slide is uphill.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the elevation increasing system comprises an uphill water slide.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the elevation increasing system comprises a conveyor belt system.

30. (Cancelled)

31-224 (Cancelled)

225. (New) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

a first elevation increasing system comprising a first end at a lower elevation coupled to an exit point of the first water amusement ride and a second end at a higher elevation coupled to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the first elevation increasing system

is configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle and/or participant from the first end to the second end of the first elevation increasing system; and

a second elevation increasing system comprising a first end at a lower elevation coupled to an exit point of the second water amusement or any subsequent water amusement ride coupled to the second water amusement ride and a second end at a higher elevation coupled to an entry point of the first water amusement ride, wherein the second elevation increasing system is configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle and/or participant from the first end to the second end of the second elevation increasing system.

226. (New) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

an elevation system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride, or a point subsequent to such exit point, to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels;

a second elevation system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from the exit point of the second or any subsequent water amusement ride to the entry point of the first water amusement ride; and

a third water amusement ride, wherein an exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride, and wherein an entry point of the third or any subsequent ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride

227. (New) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

an elevation system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride, or a point subsequent to such exit point, to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels;

a second elevation system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from the exit point of the second or any subsequent water amusement ride to the entry point of the first water amusement ride; and

wherein the exit point of the third or any subsequent ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride with a body of water, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride with a body of water.

228. (New) A water amusement system, comprising:

a first water amusement ride;

a second water amusement ride;

an elevation system configured to convey a flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels;

wherein the exit point of the second water amusement ride and the entry point of the first water amusement ride are coupled;

a third water amusement ride, wherein an exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride; and

a second elevation system configured to convey at least one flexible inflated vehicle from the exit point of the second water amusement ride to the entry point of the first water amusement ride.

229. (New) A water amusement system, comprising:

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a first water amusement ride;  
a second water amusement ride;  
an elevation system configured to convey a flexible inflated vehicle from an exit point of the first water amusement ride to an entry point of the second water amusement ride, wherein the exit point of the first ride and the entry point of the second ride are at different elevation levels;  
wherein the exit point of the second water amusement ride and the entry point of the first water amusement ride are coupled; and  
a third water amusement ride, wherein an exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride;  
wherein the exit point of the third ride is coupled to the exit of the second water ride with a body of water, and wherein an entry point of the third ride is coupled to the entry point of the first ride with a body of water.